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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, a band having an elongate length with opposite first and second end edges; a plurality of angled portions in the band between the band first and second end edges; a plurality of sections of the band length between the band first and second end edges, the band sections being separated from each other by the band angled portions, and at least some of the band sections overlapping each other (claims 13, 14, 18, 19, 21, and 22) must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Regarding claim 12 (incorporated into amended claims 13, 14, 19, 19, 21, and 22), applicant argued that Figs. 10-12 show a band having a plurality of angled portions between the first and second end edges. However, while Fig. 10 shows a plurality of angled portions between the first and second end edges, this figure does not also show band sections separated the band angled portions and overlapping each other. Figs. 11 and 12 do not even show a plurality of angled portions between the first and second end edges because these figures do not show anything identifiable as a first end edge and a second end edge.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure

is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13,14, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 28, 29, 31, 32, and 36 are allowable.

Conclusion

This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters: the drawing objection listed above.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Exparte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO**MONTHS from the mailing date of this letter.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sara Clarke whose phone number is 571-272-4873. The examiner normally can be reached Mon-Fri, 8:30-1:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by phone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ira Lazarus, can be reached at 571-272-4877. The fax number for the organization where this application is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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